

Harpy in flight!

MOOD: 😊 rawk!

MUSIC: Concrete Blonde - God Is A Bullet

Check out those forearms....



Chaz

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Harpy 1, overhang 0



Always remember:



TAGS: partners



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All right, unconscious mind. We're coming to an accommodation. If the dreams are you cleaning

Elvis doesn't live here anymore.

Hey there. Sorry about the drama. It was... it was an emotional decision, and I didn't

Poppets. Puppets. Poppet puppets. Scary.

44 comments



 trollcatz

May 20 2008, 03:28:31 UTC

COLLAPSE

OMG, I look like...

...a *climber*.

Oh. My. God.

(Also, you took pictures of my BUTT. !!!!)



 cvillette


May 20 2008, 03:29:34 UTC

COLLAPSE

That green one was a 5.10-, baby. You *are* a climber.

It's a hot butt. What can I say?



 trollcatz

May 20 2008, 03:32:58 UTC

COLLAPSE

Eeeee! (That overhang is NOT NATURAL. Waugh!)

I can't believe you took pictures! Actually I can't believe you took pictures and I didn't notice!



 cvillette

May 20 2008, 03:37:13 UTC

COLLAPSE

Not natural, she says, having kicked its ass.

You were climbing, Tasha was belaying, I was taking pictures. Because I wanted by partner to see that she rocks.




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Now that you're a real climber, we need to get you a real harness.



 [trollcatz](#)

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Do not mock my cheap-ass web harness! It works!



 [saeba](#)

[May 20 2008, 03:39:53 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Woo hoo! Lookit you go, girl!

 [kayjayoh](#)

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Wow. That's pretty cool.



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She's made of win.

 [kayjayoh](#)

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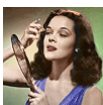
She is, at that. Between you crazy kids and your rock climbing, and the local aerial dance troupe, I'm really starting to think that I need to:

A. Build some upper body strength

and

B. Get over my fear of heights.

(I've been working on B, but not on A.)



 [Ometotchtli](#)

[May 20 2008, 03:30:02 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

Awww, lookit you, all sweaty and vertical! Totally hawt!



 [cvillette](#)

[May 20 2008, 03:38:35 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

See, guys who put women on pedestals are totally missing the boat.



 [trollcatz](#)

[May 20 2008, 21:50:44 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Unless they're *really* tall pedestals they can jump off with canopies. *g*



 [cvillette](#)

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I expect them to climb up those themselves.



[dichroic](#)

[May 20 2008, 03:54:10 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Why jeans? (Seriously, I find even loose ones hold me back: too much material around to get full compression, too much weight on my legs. Of course it's a totally subjective thing, but if you're pulling off 5.10- in *jeans*, I'm extra impressed.)



 [trollcatz](#)

[May 20 2008, 03:56:16 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Jeans technology has advanced! They're light, they stretch (if you buy the right kind), and they protect my poor knobby little knees from the big mean wall.



[dichroic](#)

[May 20 2008, 05:15:46 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Maybe if they took out the front pockets ...



[cofax7](#)

[May 20 2008, 21:06:45 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

That was exactly my response. I can't imagine climbing in jeans: the waistband under the harness would be far too uncomfortable. Workout capris or yoga pants are wear it's at, to protect my knees.

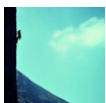


[ladyblank](#)

[May 20 2008, 04:26:29 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Hi, I'm here from  [matociquala](#), but I've been lurking a while.

So, uh, how do you start climbing?




 [cvillette](#)

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Hi!

If you do not have friends who climb, you find your local gym and take a class. Then you hang out there and offer to belay for people.

 [ladyblank](#)

[May 20 2008, 04:54:24 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Thanks!

I live in two different cities at the moment, so I may wait until September to take your advice.

Your friend looks awesome, by the way.



 [calanthe_b](#)

[May 20 2008, 04:29:43 UTC](#) Edited: May 20 2008, 04:30:00 UTC [COLLAPSE](#)

Wow.  [trollcatz](#), just so you know? You are inordinately cool.

Also brave. ~pretends not to get scared from just looking at pictures~



 [trollcatz](#)

[May 20 2008, 04:35:06 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I'd be totally scared. But there is this rope. And it is springy. So no bad happens.



 [calanthe_b](#)

[May 20 2008, 06:08:25 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Ropes are not reassurance enough for me. ~is scaredy-cat~ Plus, I'd be scared of scraping my glasses off my face...

 [rekre8](#)

[May 20 2008, 19:19:15 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

It's only skin, it'll grow back.

On re-reading, that doesn't look very reassuring. But if you've downhill skied, the first run of the year is always this tense, awkward thing, until at some point you overcommit and land on your butt in a midst of powdery snow and laughter, after which you realize that it really ain't no thang, and you relax and have a ton o fun.

Rock climbing and mountain biking are kinda like that, although with the additional proof of skinned knees. Yah, it hurts for a second, but pain is a way of learning. Growth through climbing.

RE glasses, though, I totally hear you, but that's also a mindset. Locate your old glasses - the ones that are slightly the wrong prescription, but as long as you don't have to read, no problem. No you are no longer worried about breaking your good glasses (which are in your pack for the hike back). In

addition, unlike the barefaced climbers, you have some eyeball shelters in case dust or gravel falls from above. Glasses are a feature. Even though I tend to climb in contact lenses, I also tend to wear sunglasses (unless in the gym, where gravel falling is not an issue)




 [colanthe_b](#)


[May 20 2008, 23:28:33 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

~smiles politely~ I have RSI and a messed-up shoulder. I couldn't rock-climb even if I wanted to and actually had a pair of spare glasses to do with as you advise. Doesn't prevent me from thinking that people who can do something spectacular that I have no desire to do myself are pretty cool...



 [glinda_w](#)

[May 22 2008, 21:29:13 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

I've got the messed-up shoulder and opposite knee, along with the fibro and other stuff. No more hiking for me, and very little walking (breathing problem stuff as well). I didn't realize quite how much I did in the way of day-hiking - I really saw myself as totally sedentary - until I couldn't do it any more. And yes, I miss it. Especially miss my annual hike up to the top at [Wallace Falls](#) (oh, hey! just noticed on the state parks website--there's a rock-climbing wall thingy too, if you ever get to Seattle during the warmer months) (do that before  [inaurolillium](#) and I drag you through the Pike Place Market, and then feed you--I want an excuse to make moussaka for somebody!). Or the steep trail down to the beach at Deception Pass (see icon).

I'm trying to modify some yoga/tai chi stuff just to keep moving and keep the arthritis under control, but not doing very well at it yet. I really need a PT or trainer who knows what they're doing and what to do about my limitations, but Medicare doesn't cover that sort of thing. Dammit. I suspect one or two sessions would be cheaper than the amount of pain meds they'd make go away, over a year's time or so.

Sorry to whine - I just saw those pics and got all envious, even though climbing was never my thing.



 [colanthe_b](#)

[May 22 2008, 23:01:34 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Yeah. I don't have any problems with knees, but my shoulder and hand problems stop me from doing more than you'd think, including my old high-school sport of ten-pin bowling. I whine about it too from time to time.

Fortunately, belly-dancing is very low-impact, the isolation protects my shoulder and I only have to modify the hand work if the RSI is really bad. So I get my exercise anyway, and I enjoy dancing far more than I ever did bowling...




 [sprrwhwk](#)

[May 20 2008, 06:01:01 UTC](#) [COLLAPSE](#)

Awesome! Congrats on surmounting the overhang.

I've never been able to get the hang of overhangs (pun unintentional). I don't have enough upper-body strength, I expect. Which is probably a sign I should get off my ass and find a friendly neighborhood climbing gym. :-)



 [inaurolillium](#)


[May 20 2008, 06:41:16 UTC](#)

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reminds self that I promised to keep drool over the Harpy to this side of the continent
Hawt!

Speaking, of Walls, I took a couple of pictures of my own the other day, because I was in REI and the Wall they have there just looked so nifty. They have REI in your neck of the woods, right? Do they have a 65' wall in the store there, too?



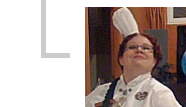
 [trollcatz](#)

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The Fairfax store has a climbing wall, but not like that. Cool!

And hee! Drool. *flexes virtual biceps*

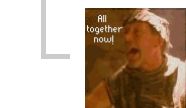



 [inaurolillium](#)

[May 20 2008, 06:54:56 UTC](#)

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It was a thing of beauty, even to me. I'll post the pictures, if I can get my AOP-syncing software to behave.



 [bunny_m](#)

[May 20 2008, 07:38:01 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

checks out those forearms, amongst other things

fans self

You can add some drool from Down Under™ as well.

And kudos for showing that uppity wall just who was in charge!

You make it look like soooo much fun, too.

applauds



 [rekre8](#)

[May 20 2008, 19:23:51 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

I stopped in the REI Seattle on Saturday to pick up a kayak cart (on my way to buy a kayak in the San Juans)- sorry I didn't see you.



[beatriceeagle](#)

[May 20 2008, 11:23:54 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

You're not a Harpy, you're a *monkey*.

cheers for the Harpy/monkey



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[rekre8](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

no ponies involved that I can see



[nebula99](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

Wow.

Nice arms and OMG Huge Scary Wall!!!!



[eljefe](#)

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[COLLAPSE](#)

The khaki club misses its founding member. *laughs*
5.10 is impressive, especially in a gym.



[trollcatz](#)

[May 20 2008, 22:35:56 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)

5.10-

And it's not like I did it without falls. See that big round thing in the middle?

It sucks. I want pitons next time. I'm going to hammer one into the bastard.



[eljefe](#)

[May 20 2008, 22:40:09 UTC](#)

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You made it to the top, right? Technically, since you fell you made the climb longer. *grin*




[trollcatz](#)

[May 20 2008, 22:44:33 UTC](#)

[COLLAPSE](#)


Penalty slack!

 eljefe

May 20 2008, 22:52:24 UTC COLLAPSE

Maybe you need to do some trad climbing. Once you have taken a fall long enough to wonder if you used enough pro, you will be much more motivated to hang on to the rock *grin* Plus you get the bonus penalty of being bitched at by your partner who is trying to get the wedges back out of the cracks as they clean the route on the way up.



 cvillette

May 20 2008, 22:48:53 UTC COLLAPSE

Also, she really *can't* climb in khakis.

 eljefe

May 20 2008, 22:56:27 UTC COLLAPSE

prana makes stuff close enough to be acceptable *winks*

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